

Franklin College Faculty Senate
Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 25 January 2011

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in room 250 of the Miller Learning Center, Diana Ranson presiding.

Members present: Mike Arnold, Joshua Barkan, Maor Bar-Peled, Renate Born, Wayne Coppins, Chris Cuomo, Gauri Datta, Fred Dolezal, Tim Dore, Scott Dougan, Ray Freeman-Lynde, Michael Geller, William Graham, Christopher Hocking, Philip Holmes, Jim Lauderdale, Kang Li, Nicolás Lucero, John Lynch, Marguerite Madden, Ron Orlando, Marta Patiño-Douce, Diana Ranson, Patricia Richards, Michael Robinson, John Rose, Mitch Rothstein, Nick Rynearson, Mark Schell, , Jake Short, Chris Sieving, Roger Stahl, Karim Traore, Stefaan Van Liefferinge, Lianchun Wang, Aidan Wasley, Mark Wheeler, Xiangrong Yin

Proxies: Adrian Burd (for Charles Hopkinson), Bram Tucker (for Susan Tanner)

Members not present: Kanzo Nakayama, Adam Sabra, Rheeda Walker-Obasi

Approval of the minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting: Approved without discussion.

Remarks by presiding officer Diana Ranson: Professor Ranson reiterated the call for nominations for University Council; announced her intention to propose further changes to the bylaws in February; and reminded senators that anyone who wishes to introduce agenda items should keep in mind that there are only three further meetings this year.

Remarks by Dean Stokes: Dean Stokes reported very positively on a meeting with Provost Morehead to discuss a new recruitment plan, indicating that some recruitment would begin immediately, with more to come in the fall. She emphasized that the persistent problem of instructional budget issues, which affects funding for recruitment, is nearly resolved. But she also spoke of real uncertainty about fiscal year 2012, particularly around possibilities of large budget cuts, other revenues and an improving state fiscal situation. She asked Senators for opinions on how make-up time for snow days had been handled by the administration and advised faculty to be prepared to explain how they had made up the missed time in their own classes. Questions and discussion concerned student course evaluations.

New business:

Proposal for Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Local Food Systems (LFS): approved unanimously without discussion.

Proposal for a B.S. degree in Marine Sciences: drew a question on requirements, then passed unanimously .

Grady Proposal for Master of Fine Arts in Narrative Nonfiction Writing & Screenwriting (joint) occasioned no vote as it had been withdrawn for revision and later resubmission.

Committee Reports:

Academic Standards Committee: Received nine petitions, of which five were approved and four are pending.

Curriculum Committee: Approved sixteen new courses, seven course proposals and thirty-one course changes.

Executive Committee: No new business reported.

Faculty Affairs Committee: No new business reported.

Committee on Planning and Evaluation: No new business reported.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Short, Secretary and Senator from History

FRANKLIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT
January 25, 2011

Curriculum Description	Approved
New Courses Reviewed	16 new courses
Course Changes	31 course changes
 <u>Proposals Approved:</u> Cognitive Science Major Changes Geography Bulletin Changes Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Local Food Systems (LFS) English Major Changes CLAS 4400 to satisfy FC Phil/Religion/Fine Arts Requirement CLAS 1010 to be taught as an IDL course B.S. in Marine Sciences <u>Proposals NOT Approved:</u> Grady MFA in Narrative Nonfiction Writing & Screenwriting	